

KEYTESVILLE, MISSOURI

J. R. WRIGHT of Trenton has invented a gravity motor which, it is claimed, will save 50 per cent in fuel as compared with the ordinary crank engine.

The lively little city of Milan, the capital of Sullivan county, is opening up a coal mine which proposes to supply the county with black diamonds of excellent quality.

WHILE the national treasury is rapidly approaching a deficit, Missouri's strong box contains \$3,383,000. This shows the difference between Republican profligacy and Democratic probity.

In advance of his nomination or defeat for secretary of state Sam B. Cook is exhibiting the right sort of Democratic spirit. In either case he says he will take off his coat in defense of the ticket. We commend Sam's example to some of the Democrats whose friends have been left out in the cold and who have since acted like a snapping turtle.

THE COURIER's reference, in doggerel, to the Signal's landing bidders in the penitentiary with its hands, seems to have paralyzed our contemporary beyond the power of speech or use of pen. When our "poetry" won't do 'em up, the case is hopeless. The victims of our rhymes are many. And now the Signal has fallen in a swoon at our feet. Too bad, Brother Mitchell; here's the faint bottle.

HON. L. R. WILFLEY, formerly of Mexico, Mo., and at present attorney-general of the Philippines, was at home last week on a visit and was given a reception at the residence of George Robertson, his friend. Mr. Wilfley says the Filipinos are not yet ready for their independence and no one can tell when they will be ready. The true policy is to administer the islands as they are now being administered, giving the Filipinos a large share in the government.

THE county Democratic convention held at Keytesville Tuesday had no word of praise for Senator Francis Marion Cockrell as a United States senator nor commendation of his candidacy for president. Can it be that U. S. Hall, who practically ran the convention, and who also wrote the resolutions, is getting ready to run for the United States senate or president? Any Democratic convention in Missouri that fails to endorse the unimpeachable record of purity and integrity of Senator Cockrell's official career has failed to do its duty.

THE Democrats of Chariton county were not only deprived by the county central committee of voting on all candidates for state officers, but the gag was further applied by Folk members of the committee who made it a force put to vote for only such Folk delegates as they had selected, there being no space left on the ticket below the name of a single Folk delegate to write another name had the voter desired to do so. And this outrage was perpetrated by the apostles of civic righteousness! Is it any wonder that the maledictions of the people are falling thick and fast upon such brazen hypocrisy?

COOK'S STRENGTH.

Ten counties held primaries May 21 on secretary of state. All of the counties were carried by Sam B. Cook by good majorities, except Perry county, which gave Musgrave a majority of 8. The following figures tell their own story as to the standing of

the candidates with the people:

MONTEAU.
Cook.....1,051
Musgrave.....370
Mitchell.....8

Majority over Murgrave.. 621
Majority over Mitchell....1,043

MONROE.
Cook.....1,101
Mitchell.....676
Musgrave.....70

Majority over Mitchell.... 425
Majority over Musgrave..1,031

MADISON.
Cook.....597
Musgrave.....148

Majority over Musgrave.. 449

DAVISS.
Cook.....861
Mitchell.....620

Majority over Mitchell... 241

PULASKI.
Cook.....604
Musgrave.....351
Mitchell.....45

Majority over Musgrave.. 253
Majority over Mitchell.. 559

ST. FRANCOIS.
Cook.....1,369
Mitchell.....549
Musgrave.....290

Majority over Mitchell... 820
Majority over Musgrave..1,079

WASHINGTON.
Cook.....533
Mitchell.....40

Majority over Mitchell.. 493

WAYNE.
Cook.....965
Mitchell.....197
Musgrave.....119

Majority over Mitchell... 768
Majority over Musgrave.. 846
In Bollinger county Cook received two to one. Up to the close of this week 34 counties have held primaries on secretary of state. Of these Mr. Musgrave has carried four, with a total majority of 333; Mr. Mitchell has carried three, with a total majority of 449, while Mr. Cook has carried 27 counties, with a total majority of 16,373, or a majority over the combined opposition of 15,591.

In Caldwell Mr. Cook had a majority of 440; in Callaway, 856; in Cole, 446; in Jefferson, 1,200; in Knox, 700; in Oregon, 773; in Ripley, 443; in Schuyler, 555; in Audrain, 1,598; in Lincoln, 1,135; in Morgan, 448; in Montgomery, 879, and in Texas, 353.

In Boone, which voted Saturday last, Mr. Cook's majority was more than 2,000 over Mitchell and fully 1,800 over the combined opposition.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Strawberries.

I will sell strawberries this year in the patch, three miles south of Keytesville, to those desiring them at a reduced price. My crop is large and of a desirable quality. JOHN FINNELL.

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J. V. KENT,
Brookfield, Mo.

The Primary Election.

The Democratic primary election farce took place in Chariton county Saturday, May 28. But little more than one-seventh of the Democratic vote was polled, and there were six precincts—Bee Branch, Bowling Green, Brunswick No. 2, Missouri, Musselfork No. 2 and Salt Creek—in which no primary occurred. Sufficient interest seemed to be wanting in Bee Branch, Brunswick No. 2, Missouri, Musselfork No. 2 and Salt Creek. As to Bowling Green, reports are conflicting, one rumor being to the effect that parties could not be persuaded to act as judges and clerks, but the anti-Folk forces deny this, and say that no election was held for the reason that T. H. Carskadon, the committeeman for that township, would not open the polls for fear the Folk delegates would be defeated by the "Indians."

The following is the official vote in the townships that held an election, which was for the exclusive purpose of electing delegates to the county convention and voting for N. J. Winters for railroad and warehouse commissioner, Judge John P. Butler for circuit judge, Virgil Conkling and J. A. Collet for state committeemen, and to elect a township committeeman for each township:

BRUNSWICK.
Folk delegates.....128
N. J. Winters.....118
J. P. Butler.....129
Virgil Conkling.....84
J. A. Collet.....90
Township committeeman, L. H. Herring, 131.
Capt. W. C. Bronaugh got 7 and Tim Hennessy 1 vote in Brunswick township for railroad and warehouse commissioner.

CHARITON.
Folk delegates.....29
N. J. Winters.....29
J. P. Butler.....27
Virgil Conkling.....28
J. A. Collet.....27
Township committeeman, Covey Heryford, 27.

CLARK.
Folk delegates.....18
N. J. Winters.....18
J. P. Butler.....18
Virgil Conkling.....18
J. A. Collet.....18
Township committeeman, A. J. Bell, 18.

COCKRELL.
Folk delegates.....14
N. J. Winters.....14
J. P. Butler.....14
Virgil Conkling.....3
J. A. Collet.....4
Township committeeman, E. D. Dodge, 14.

CUNNINGHAM.
Folk delegates.....130
N. J. Winters.....124
J. P. Butler.....134
Virgil Conkling.....102
J. A. Collet.....101
Township committeeman, M. W. Anderson, 133.

MENDON.
Folk delegates.....17
N. J. Winters.....17
J. P. Butler.....17
Virgil Conkling.....17
J. A. Collet.....17
Township committeeman, Cecil Wayland, 16.

MUSSELFORK NO. 1.
Folk delegates.....25
N. J. Winters.....3
J. P. Butler.....24
Virgil Conkling.....6
J. A. Collet.....3
Township committeeman, R. P. Clarkson, 10; J. R. Gaines, 5; Jasper Welch, 4; John Welch, 4.

SALISBURY.
Folk delegates.....114
N. J. Winters.....114
J. P. Butler.....115
Virgil Conkling.....97
J. A. Collet.....99
Township committeeman, L. D. Brummall, 112.

TRIPLETT.
Folk delegates.....57
N. J. Winters.....51
J. P. Butler.....53
Virgil Conkling.....16
J. A. Collet.....24
Township committeeman, F.

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Keytesville, Mo.

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M. Elliott, 56.

WAYLAND.

Folk delegates.....50
N. J. Winters.....49
J. P. Butler.....48
Virgil Conkling.....30
J. A. Collet.....31
Township committeeman, U. S. Hall, 48.

YELLOW CREEK.

Folk delegates.....19
N. J. Winters.....18
J. P. Butler.....19
Virgil Conkling.....2
J. A. Collet.....5
Township committeeman, W. A. Wilkinson, 18.

Judge L. H. Herring received 13, and O. F. Libby 14 votes in Yellow Creek township for state committeemen.

RECAPITULATION.

The following is the total vote received in the entire county by each candidate:
Folk delegates.....633
N. J. Winters.....599
J. P. Butler.....642
Virgil Conkling.....447
J. A. Collet.....463

Had the Democrats of this county been permitted by the county central committee to vote on all candidates for state offices, as they should have been and had a right to do, the vote would have been much larger at the primary last Saturday, and the Democracy would have known how the delegates from Chariton would vote at the state convention from governor down. As it is the delegates to the state nominating convention, and, perhaps those to the state delegate convention also, will be subject to discipline at the crack of the whip of their masters who will be in control at those conventions. But as a matter of right only the Democrats of Chariton county should have been allowed to dictate to this county's delegates, and this would have been done had there been a

general primary for all state officers.

It is not strange that the county central committee has been rebuked by such a light vote at the primary, and was ignored entirely at six voting precincts in the county.

New County Central Committee.

Immediately after the adjournment of the county Democratic convention Tuesday the new Democratic central committee met in the grand jury room at the courthouse and re-organized by the election of M. W. Anderson, chairman; R. D. Edwards, secretary, and Judge L. H. Herring, treasurer.

The new executive committee has not been appointed by the chairman.

The new county committee is constituted as follows:

TOWNSHIPS. COMMITTEEMEN.
Brunswick.....L. H. Herring
Chariton.....Covey Heryford
Clark.....A. J. Bell
Cockrell.....E. D. Dodge
Cunningham.....Lewis Lisle
Keytesville.....M. W. Anderson
Mendon.....Cecil Wayland
Musselfork.....R. P. Clarkson
Salisbury.....L. D. Brummall
Triplett.....F. M. Elliott
Wayland.....U. S. Hall
Yellow Creek.....W. A. Wilkinson
As no primary election was held in Bee Branch, Bowling Green and Salt Creek townships last Saturday, and no committeemen for those townships were elected according to the rules laid down for the primary, the new county central committee passed a resolution empowering the Democrats of those townships to elect committeemen at mass-meetings or primaries to be held only upon petition of at least 20 Democrats from each of said townships.

Letter List

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville,

Mo., post-office June 3, 1904:

Mrs. Nettie Littleton, Rev. I. F. Lusk,
Miss Martha Mullin, Miss Emma Phillips,
J. Ramler, Miss Ethel Simmons.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

W. C. GASTON, P. M.

Mrs. D. W. Strickler and daughter, Mrs. W. F. Cavanah, of near Chranville left Tuesday for Norborne, Carroll county, to visit friends and relatives. From there they will go to Hardin, Ray county, to visit the former's daughter, Mrs. J. W. Worsham.

Five distinct pistol shots were heard to ring out on the stillness of the night in the northwest part of town about 2 o'clock a. m. Saturday, and the editor of COURIER expected to find a corpse near his house when daylight dawned, but the coroner failed to get a job as no corpse was found. A man and woman were seen going west shortly after the shots were fired, and a few minutes later the woman came along the sidewalk going east. She was almost in a trot, and we hope she is somewhere on the Atlantic coast by this time. We are liable to turn our cannon loose on the next nocturnal prowlers that disturb our slumbers in such a ruthless manner.

The Kansas City court of appeals has affirmed the case of T. P. Schooler of Salisbury against A. F. Arrington. It will be remembered that Mr. Schooler received serious personal injuries a year or so ago by the collapsing of the Wright bridge, some three or four miles south of Salisbury, which he was crossing with a threshing machine outfit. Mr. Arrington was bridge commissioner at that time and Mr. Schooler sued him for \$3,000 damages, the bridge having been built under Arrington's supervision. The defendant won the case in the circuit court, and now the Kansas court of appeals affirms the finding of the lower tribunal.